



2026 Federal-aid Overview Seminar Project Development - Letting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Time	Agenda Item
8:00 - 8:30	Registration	1:00	Design and Plan Reviews – Iowa DOT Lettings – Jenifer Bates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Scheduling • Concept Statement • Design Guidelines • Design Exception Process • Interactive Concept Statement • Preliminary Plans • Check and Final Plans • PDCs, PIFS, and all the other things • Project Turn-In • Project Development Takeaways
8:30	Welcome – Local Systems Bureau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT Contacts • Purpose and Format • Breaks and Facilities • DOT, LPA, Consultant Roles Welcome - FHWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Guidance • Planning & Programming • Funding Agreements • FHWA Authorization • Reimbursement • Consultant Selection • Roles & Responsibilities Competitive Grants & Earmarks – Jacob Page		Other Permits – Micah Loesch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydraulic & Structural Reviews • 404 Permit • Iowa DNR Flood Plain Permit • NPDES Storm Water Permit • Work on Iowa DOT Right-of-way Right-of-Way – Rick Skinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When do State/Federal Regulations Apply? • Before the ROW Process Begins • The Valuation Process • Basic Acquisition Policies • Relocation Process • Parcel Settlement • Property Management • Project Development Certification
	Civil Rights – Tracey Bradley, Micah Loesch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title VI • ADA Break and Refreshments (provided)		Break and Refreshments (provided)
	Project Programming - Niki Stinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIP/STIP Programming • STIP Revision Process • CFYP/STIP – Entry of Project Details Environmental Review - Location & Environment (Jill Garton, Brennan Dolan, MacKenzie Rosenboom) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatened and Endangered Species • Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 including Section 106, applications, compliance steps, archaeological and historic surveys, consultation, SHPO review, and Transportation Alternatives Program • National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 4(f) including key points of NEPA, Section 4(f), NEPA classifications, and NEPA clearances, TPMS • Iowa DNR Water Trails and Paddling Routes Initial Project Development - Niki Stinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Scheduling • Funding Agreement • Project Tracking & Activation • Schedule Items & Submittals • Engineer's Estimate & Funding • Plan Set Up • Transfer of Information for Contracts 		Utilities and Railroads – Micah Loesch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility Relocations • Railroads Contract Letting and Award – Iowa DOT Process – Stacy Ryan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Requirements • Project Design Preparation • Contract Time • The Letting Schedule • Working Days – Review Days • Addendums • Contract Award Process • Subcontract Authorizations Closing Remarks – Local Systems Bureau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Things to Remember
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch (on your own)	3:30	